

Bond Accountability Accomplishments

In 2006, the Governor and Legislature initiated the first phase of a comprehensive Strategic Growth Plan to address California's critical infrastructure needs. In November 2006, the voters approved the first installment of that 20-year vision to rebuild California by authorizing a series of general obligation bonds totaling \$42.7 billion, including Propositions 1E and 84. The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1E) and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) insured funding to significantly improve California's flood management programs and infrastructure.

On January 24, 2007, Gov. Schwarzenegger signed an executive order that established guidelines and procedures for spending Strategic Growth Plan bond funds efficiently, effectively and in the best interests of Californians, and directed the Department of Finance to create a website for the public to readily access information on how bond proceeds are being utilized. Specifically, the executive order directs government agencies that spend bond funds to institute a three part accountability structure that includes:

- **Front-End Accountability:** Create a strategic plan with performance standards for projects prior to the expenditure of funds.
- **In-Progress Accountability:** Document what ongoing actions it will take to ensure that the infrastructure projects or other activities funded from bond proceeds are staying within the scope and cost that were identified. Additionally, each department shall make semi-annual reports to the Department of Finance to ensure that the projects and activities funded from bond proceeds are being executed in a timely fashion and achieving their intended purposes.
- **Follow-Up Accountability:** Audit completed projects to determine whether the expenditures were in line with the goals laid out in the strategic plan.

In response to the Executive Order, DWR has developed the mandated 3-part accountability plans for its authorized programs, posted project awards on the Bond Accountability website (include reference to website), and developed a "Bond Management System" which will help enable DWR in meeting its accountability requirements and improve our program efficiency.

Recent Bond Measures

Proposition 1E – Flood Control

Proposition 1E, a \$4.09 billion bond, allocates \$3 billion to repair and improve state-federal Project facilities that are part of the *State Plan of Flood Control for the Central Valley*, and to reduce the risks of levee failure in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Prop 1E has funded DWR's FloodSAFE initiative, an overarching, multi-faceted initiative to improve public safety through sustainable, integrated flood management. Allocations from this total include:

- A minimum of \$1 billion to provide a high level of flood protection to urban areas protected by State-federal Project levees
- A minimum of \$300 million to provide design level flood protection to non-urban areas protected by State-federal Project levees where feasible
- A minimum of \$500 million to reduce the risks of levee failure in the Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta

The remaining \$1.09 billion is distributed among:

- State Flood Control Subventions (\$500 million)
- Flood Protection Corridors and Floodplain Evaluations (\$290 million)
- Stormwater Flood Management Grants (\$300 million)



Proposition 84 – Natural Resources

Proposition 84 provided \$5.38 billion in new investments for flood protection and water management programs. DWR received funding for programs in the following categories:

- \$1 billion in funding for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). These funds provide grants to increase water supply, reduce demand, and protect water quality. In August 2010, DWR issued the Final Program Guidelines for the Proposition 84 IRWM Program. The 2010 Program Guidelines contain updated IRWM Plan standards that have been revised to address new requirements contained in Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2008. The updated plan standards include a requirement that IRWM Plans address climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- \$130 million for grants to implement Delta water quality improvements to protect drinking water supplies.
- \$800 million for flood control including state and local flood control projects, floodplain mapping, and Delta projects.
- \$65 million for efforts to maintain water supply reliability and improve flood protection.

Some of the many DWR projects and programs that have been funded by Proposition 84 include 20x2020 Water Conservation, the California Water Plan, Central Valley Flood Protection Planning Program, Early Implementation Program, Flood Control Subventions Program, and Local Levee Assistance Program. In 2008, DWR awarded approximately \$4.3 million to 19 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant projects.

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